

that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made *y* in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt-offering, were at that season in the high place *z* at Gibeon.

30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid *a* because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

CHAPTER XXII.

David instructeth Solomon in God's promises, and his duty in building the temple.

THEN David said, This *a* is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt-offering for Israel.

2 And David commanded to gather together the strangers *b* that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

3 And David prepared *c* iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance without *d* weight;

4 Also cedar trees in abundance: *e* for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

5 And David said, Solomon my son is young *f* and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnificent, *g* of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 ¶ Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was *h* in my mind to build an house *i* unto the name of the LORD my God:

8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou *k* hast shed blood *l* abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be *1* Solomon, and I will give peace *m* and quietness unto Israel in his days.

10 He *n* shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son *o* and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

11 Now, my son, the LORD *p* be

B. C. 1017.

y Ex. XL.*z* ch. 16. 39.

1 Ki. 3. 4. &c.

a Ps. 90. 11.

Je. 5. 22.

10. 7.

He. 12. 28.

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Re. 15. 4.

(CHAP. 22.)

a ch. 21. 28.

De. 12. 5.

2 Ch. 3. 1.

b 1 Ki. 9. 21.*c* ver. 14.*d* 1 Ki. 7. 47.*e* 1 Ki. 5. 6.*f* 1 Ki. 3. 7.*g* Ezr. 3. 12.

1. 64. 11.

Eze. 7. 20.

Hag. 2. 3.

h ch. 17. 1. &c.

28. 2. &c.

i De. 12. 5. 11.*k* 1 Ki. 5. 3.*l* Nu. 31. 19.*m* That is,

peaceable.

n 1 Ki. 4. 25.

Ps. 72. 7.

o 2 Sa. 7. 13.*p* Ps. 89. 25.

He. 1. 5.

q ver. 16.

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*q* 1 Ki. 3. 9. 12.

Ps. 72. 1.

Pr. 2. 6. 7.

Ja. 1. 5.

*r* 2 Ch. 20. 20.

Ps. 119. 6.

*s* De. 31. 7. 8.

Jos. 1. 6-9.

*t* or, poverty.*u* That is,

masons and

carpenters.

*v* ver. 11.*u* ch. 23. 25.

De. 12. 10.

Jos. 22. 4.

2 Sa. 7. 1.

*v* 2 Ch. 20. 3.*w* Ps. 27. 4.*x* 1 Ki. 8. 6. 21.

(CHAP. 23.)

*a* ch. 28. 5.

1 Ki. 1. 33. &amp;c.

*b* Nu. 4. 3. 47.*c* or, overseer.*c* De. 16. 18.

with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.

12 Only the LORD give *q* thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then *r* shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be *s* strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

14 Now, behold, in my *2* trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; (for it is in abundance;) timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.

15 Moreover *there* are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and *3* workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.

16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, *there* is no number. Arise *therefore*, and be doing, and the *4* LORD be with thee.

17 ¶ David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*,

18 Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* given you rest *u* on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.

19 Now set *v* your heart and your soul to seek *w* the LORD your God; arise *therefore*, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring *x* the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

*David in his old age maketh Solomon king.*

SO *a* when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

2 ¶ And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty *b* years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.

4 Of which, twenty and four thousand *were* to *1* set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand *were* officers *c* and judges:

5 Moreover four thousand *were*